

REMARKS

Claims 33-48 are pending.

Double patenting

Claims 33-48 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,170 and claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,229. Applicant respectfully traverses.

A terminal disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), for the instant application is enclosed herewith.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (415) 781-1989.

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